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in, and if upon trial neglect of duty shall be established, the court shall fix the sum to be paid by the parties named in said recognizance, and shall give judgment therefor, together with costs of suit, to be applied towards discharging the county charges of Worcester county.

Annual levy.

36. *And be it enacted*, That the levy court of said county shall annually levy the sum necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this law, to be appropriated by them as justice may require.

On neglect of
duty court
may rescind
contract

37. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any person or persons shall be convicted of neglect of duty under this act, or shall die, it shall be lawful for the justices of the levy court, in their discretion, to rescind the contract made with such person or persons, and to let out the particular division of road bid off by such person or persons, to any other person or persons, according to the provisions aforesaid.

Court not pre-
vented from
making speci-
al contract for
bridges

38. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall prevent the levy court of said county from making a special contract for making a new bridge in said county, or repairing any bridge, nor shall the provisions of this act be construed to interfere with the duties imposed by law upon the owner of a water mill, but the levy court may make an allowance to him, which in no case shall exceed the amount of his county levy.

Repeal,

39. *And be it enacted*, That so much of the act, entitled, "An act to change and alter the mode of repairing the public roads in Worcester county," passed December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed Feb 2

CHAPTER 111.

An act to regulate the Clerk's Fees in the Chancery Proceedings in the County Courts, and for other purposes.

Clerks allowed
same fees as re-
gister in chan-
cery.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the clerks of the respective county courts, for any services to be performed by them in chancery proceedings in said courts, shall be entitled to the same fees now allowed to the register in chancery for like services, and no more, and the said clerks shall not demand, ask for, or receive, any higher or other fees for such services.

Crier's fees.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the criers of the several county courts within this state, shall be entitled to receive two dollars per day for every day they shall attend the terms established for chancery business, to be levied, collected and paid, as other county charges.

CHAPTER 112.

Passed Feb 3

An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of Negroes and Mulattoes, and to alter and amend the Laws concerning Runaways.

Preamble

WHEREAS, the laws heretofore enacted for preventing the kidnapping of free negroes and mulattoes, and of transporting out of this state negroes and mulattoes entitled to their freedom after a term of years, have been found insufficient to restrain the commission of such crimes and misdemeanors; and it hath been found moreover, that servants and slaves have been seduced from the service of their masters and owners, and fraudulently removed out